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CARRY TERROR TO BRITAIN.

German Warships Shell Scarborough, Whitby, Hartlepool and Forts, Doing Great Damage in Raid on British Coast.

Attempt of Invaders to Land Creates Consternation in England—English and German Fleets now Engaged in Gigantic Naval Battle in North Sea—Fleet from Kiel Slipped out without Warning and Made Night Appearance off Towns—Little Change in Western War Zone, While Russians Claim Successes on Russian Border—Servians Capture Many Prisoners—Christians Suffer at Hands of Turks in Asia Minor.

Austrians Defeat Russians.
Vienna, Dec. 15.—The Russian forces that tried to reach Cracow from the southeast have been driven back nearly fifty miles, according to the official statement issued here today which says they have been pursued back as far as the plain of Allentul. The Austrians are taking many prisoners and inflicting heavy losses on the Russians in killed and wounded. The recent reverses of the Austrians in Serbia are attributed to the withdrawal of troops from the war zone to reinforce the western Galicia forces. The offensive will be resumed in Serbia as soon as the Galician campaign is decided.

French Continue Aggressive.
Paris, Dec. 15.—During the past forty-eight hours the French have been hearing the brunt of the fighting at both ends of the three hundred mile battle front, stretching over Belgium, French and German soil. Further progress has been made at a number of points, according to official dispatches from the front. Many German prisoners have been taken. Gen. Von Beiling who was entrusted by the Kaiser with the special task of breaking the English line at Ypres now has the honor to keep his own line under the alternate blows of the French and British.

Two Steamers Wrecked.
Lisbon, Dec. 15.—The British steamer Silrain and a Dutch royal mail steamer have been wrecked near Oporto, according to a wireless message received here today. Thirty-four of the Dutch ships' crew were drowned.

Flee From Turks.
Alexandria, Dec. 15.—Thousands of refugees from Syria are arriving here in flight from the outrages threatened by Turks against Christians. They state that an epidemic of typhoid fever and smallpox has broken out in Damascus. The Ottoman army is concentrated there.

Prisoners Sent to Siberia.
Petrograd, Dec. 15.—It was officially announced today that eighty thousand Austrian prisoners have been sent to Siberia since the beginning of the war. A lull in the fighting has taken place on the flow-Glowno front. Both sides are entrenching and placing heavy artillery. The Austro-Germans are obstinately resisting the Russian attacks in the vicinity of Cracow.

Servians Retake Belgrade.
Nish, Dec. 15.—The recapture of Belgrade by the Servians was officially announced today.

Turkey Apologizes to Italy.
Rome, Dec. 15.—The Turkish charge d'affaires today assured the Italian government that Turkey will make satisfactory explanation of the recent attacks on the Italian consulate at Hodeida.

Little Change in France.
Paris, Dec. 15.—The official statement this afternoon says: The British after sharp fighting for several days have captured a small forest west of Wytachaele, which sheltered the German artillery. The French gained ground west of Hollebeke and held it, despite vigorous counter attacks by the Germans. The French made progress in the Argonne and held their ground in the Vosges.

Germans Take Half a Million Russians.
Berlin, (Wireless), Dec. 16.—The Russians in Eastern Poland lost a hundred and fifty thousand men, including eighty thousand prisoners, the latter being brought to Germany. The official German estimate today in the official review estimates that four hundred and seventy-five thousand un-

wounded Russian prisoners were taken by the Germans and Austrians. The Germans are making satisfactory progress. Lowicz is the center of operations. The Russians have been forced northward from the Carpathians in Western Galicia. At the west the Germans have repulsed the attacks of the allies.

Turks Massacre Christians.
Athens, Dec. 16.—Greek Christians are being massacred by Turks at Alvali, Asia Minor and their houses pillaged and shops fired. Women and girls have been violated by the Turks. Northern Albanian tribes have declared war against Serbia.

Austrians Driven from Serbia.
Nish, Dec. 16.—"All Austrian soldiers have been driven from Serbia," says the official statement today. King Peter and the Crown Prince lead the army into Belgrade today amid vociferous acclaim.

German Attacks on Scarborough Continue.

Hull, Eng., Dec. 16.—Fugitives arriving at noon by train state that the German bombardment is continuing at Scarborough. Heavy damage has been done to buildings and city property. The population is in a panic at the rumors that the Germans might land troops. A part of the city is burning.

Battle in North Sea.
London, Dec. 16.—The main British and German fleets are reported in a dispatch from York to be engaged in the North Sea.

Hartlepool Badly Damaged.
Newcastle, Dec. 16.—The bombardment of Hartlepool begun at 8 o'clock this morning. Several British battleships have now arrived and others are on the way. The city gas works are on fire. Several rows of houses have been demolished by the German shells and a number of people killed. Many of the inhabitants have fled precipitately into the interior.

Whitby Also Bombarded.
London, Dec. 16.—Whitby is also being bombarded by the Germans.

British Destroyers Ineffective.
Special to The Daily Item.
London, Dec. 16.—The German warships which were soon under fire from British destroyers, began shelling them, but keeping up the bombardment against the land defenses without cessation.

Allies Move on Ostend.
Paris, Dec. 16.—The allies along Belgian coast have reached a point eight miles west of Ostend. The Germans are shelling them fiercely but have not checked the advance. There is hard fighting south of Ypres in the direction of Klein and Zillibeke. Though the Germans have made slight progress at Steinbach on the extreme western end of the battle line, the French have taken a position on high ground and are bombarding the enemy's position.

Germans Attempt to Land.
Hartlepool, Dec. 16.—4 P. M.—The naval engagement is progressing off Hartlepool. The cannonade is breaking the windows within a radius of twenty miles. It is reported that the Germans bombarded the English forts off the mouth of the Tees river. A dispatch states that twelve were killed in the bombardment at Scarborough. Seaplanes sent out to patrol the Northumberland coast have given warning of an attempt to land German troops.

German Cruisers Sunk?
London, Dec. 16.—Two German cruisers are reported to have been sunk in the North Sea, but the report

GERMAN CRUISER INTERNEED.

CORMORANT, WITH 377 MEN, RUNS SHORT OF SUPPLIES.

Cruiser at Guam the Second of Kaiser's Ships to Intern in American Waters—May Bring up Question of Neutrality.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Voluntary internment today of the German converted cruiser Cormorant and her 22 officers and 355 men, at Guam, an American Pacific insular possession, brought what promised to be some troublesome questions involving observance of American neutrality to a prompt adjustment.

As soon as the navy department learned that the Cormorant had put into Guam, short of coal, food and water, there was an immediate discussion of the extent to which the warship could replenish her supplies. In view of Guam's remoteness from any German port, the decision to intern was expected but Capt. Maxwell, governor of the far away naval station, was immediately instructed to observe strict neutrality in all his dealings with the German commander.

The Cormorant is a converted cruiser of 5,000 tons displacement. She was acquired by Germany from Russia. It is supposed the ship has been employed by the Germans as a commerce destroyer in the Pacific.

At first the vessel was believed to be the unprotected cruiser Cormorant, vessel of only 1,600 tons displacement, but Capt. Maxwell's later message announcing the decision of the craft intern, corrected that impression.

The Cormorant is the second German warship to intern in American waters since the outbreak of the war. The other, the Geier, interned at Honolulu some time ago.

RICHMOND CUTS REDISCOUNT RATE.

Fifth District Reserve Bank Reduces Rate to 5 Per Cent. on 30 Day Notes.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 15.—The Federal reserve bank for the Fifth district here today announced that it had lowered its rediscount rate to 5 per cent. on 30 day maturities; 5 1/2 per cent. on 60 day maturities and 6 per cent. on longer maturities.

Today's action followed the approval given yesterday by the Federal reserve board at Washington to similar rates for the reserve bank for the Sixth district at Atlanta and the announcement that the other 11 banks might also make such rates.

GIVES OUT STANDARDS.

Houston Promulgates Cotton Classifications.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Official cotton standards to be used by futures exchanges after February 18 were promulgated today by Secretary Houston.

The new standards, in accordance with the recently enacted cotton futures law, replace the official classification heretofore used by the government, and cover the grades: Middling fair, strict good middling, good middling, strict middling, middling, strict low middling, low middling, strict good ordinary and good ordinary.

is unconfirmed. Many houses were demolished by the German bombardment of Whitby. The historic abbey of St. Hilda was partly destroyed.

Servians Capture Austrians.
Nish, Dec. 16.—The Servians captured six thousand Austrians when Belgrade was retaken.

Mikado Offers Troops.
Petrograd, Dec. 16.—The Mikado of Japan has offered Japanese troops to fight side by side with the Russians and it is understood that the Czar has accepted the proffer.

Battleships Bombard Germans.
Paris, Dec. 16.—British battleships today bombarded Westend, which is now held by the Germans. The French gained some ground, repulsing the attacks of the Germans. (Official.)

Nine Killed at Hartlepool.
Middleboro, Dec. 16.—The German bombardment of Hartlepool lasted 25 minutes. It is reported that nine were killed, and a number injured. The town was badly damaged.

German Defeat at Miawa.
Petrograd, Dec. 16.—All Germans have been driven from the Miawa region. The Russian offensive on the Thorn-Soldau front has been resumed. The Germans have been thrown back across the East Prussian border. The Germans are badly demoralized.

HORRORS OF FAMINE.

WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN MISERY LIKE BELGIUM'S.

Investigator Returns With Terrible Story of Starvation and Deprivation—One Long Bread Line—Stagnation Like a Blight Upon Whole War Stricken Country—Help Needed From America.

New York, Dec. 16.—"A tragic misery, the like of which the world has never seen," was the term applied tonight to conditions in Belgium by Theodore Waters, secretary to The Christian Herald, who went to Belgium last month to supervise distribution of the food cargo of the relief steamer Jan Block and who returned today. Belgium, he said, is one long bread line of starving men, women and children, clamoring for a daily single ration of soup and bread.

"In Antwerp," he said, "I saw over a thousand poorly clad women standing shivering in the snow waiting for food to be divided out. In Malines, under the shadow of the cathedral, its walls caved in, its old stained glass windows but ragged fragments, I saw men, women and children gazing disconsolately at the ruins of the houses that once were their homes, poor people who begged something to eat of us as we passed. On the road to Brussels we overtook thousands of refugees returning to villages where there is not food enough to sustain those already there. In Brussels we saw women holding babies standing on the cold street corners begging for food.

"In Holland I found thousands of refugees from Belgium huddled in camps and on barges, some refined, some coarse and brutalized, all sleeping together without partitions to insure the least privacy.

"Stagnation lies like a blight upon Belgium—stagnation of energy, of hope. The country was one huge burying ground. Graves, orphans, a country desolate—its trees cut down to make way for the bullets; its crops long gone to seed, sticking leanly up through the snow; broken houses, broken hearts! Yet the refugees were always on the road, returning to desolate hearthstones.

"When I was in Brussels there was only enough food on hand to last two weeks. Unless a quantity is shipped in from America immediately, Brussels will be threatened with famine. What is true of Brussels is true of a greater degree of all Belgium. Belgium in normal times imports five-sixths of her food products. On account of the war she is not able to produce even one-sixth. If she does not receive food from America—and that is her only source—her people, rich and poor alike, will starve and starvation will spell ruin. For when people are hungry they are apt to commit ill advised reprisals against the military."

RAID ENGLISH COAST TOWNS.

Naval Battle in Progress, Following Attacks on Hartlepool and Scarborough.

London, Dec. 16.—German warships last night shelled Hartlepool and Scarborough, English ports on the North Sea. (Later) British warships were sent out to repel the invaders and a naval engagement is now on. The admiralty says officially: "German movements of some importance are taking place in the North Sea this morning. Scarborough and Hartlepool have been shelled. Our flotillas are engaged with the enemy at various points and the situation is now developing."

The scene of battle is four hundred miles from the Kiel Canal, where the German fleet has been concentrated since the outbreak of war.

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT LOST.

Hobson's Resolution Has a Majority in the House But Cannot Get Two-Thirds Necessary.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Hobson resolution for national prohibition will command a majority of votes in the house, according to a poll of members, but unless there is a change in sentiment by December 22nd, it will fail to get the necessary two-thirds to send it to the senate.

USED WIFE AS SHIELD.

Let Her Receive Load of Shot Intended for Him.

Memphis, Dec. 15.—Using his wife as a shield, William Tripp escaped injury when his nine-year-old niece, whom he was beating with a poker, seized a gun and fired. His wife was killed. They lived a few miles out of town on a plantation.

ALL ENGLAND IS AROUSED.

Angered at Attack on Its Shores Men Enlist For War, While Germany Rejoices at Success of Expedition.

One Hundred Eight Killed and Three Hundred Wounded in German Attack on Coast Towns—Fierce Hand-to-Hand Encounter Marks Progress of Strife in Flanders Region—Report From Berlin is That Russians Are in Retreat and Germans Directing Two Attacks Against Them From Cracow—Petrograd Dispatch States That Russians Are Gradually Drawing in Lines Closer Around Cracow—Vienna Reports Russian Defeat in Galicia

British Bombard Turks.
Athens, Dec. 17.—A news dispatch from Mitylene states that the British squadron on Sunday bombarded the Turkish troops that are concentrated along the Saros Gulf, on the Aegean sea.

All Germany Rejoices.
Berlin, Dec. 17.—Official wireless—Several British warships were damaged, possibly sunk in the naval engagement following the bombardment of the English coast towns yesterday. All the German ships escaped uninjured. The great feat is being celebrated throughout Germany. The fog concealed the actual results of the bombardment. Three British squadrons tried unsuccessfully to trap the German cruisers. Reports that the bombarded towns are unfortified is flatly denied.

British Deny Loss of Ships.
London, Dec. 17.—The admiralty has flatly denied the rumor circulated today that two British warships were sunk by the Germans in the North sea.

Britain's Death Toll.
London, (Official), Dec. 17.—The latest reports are that one hundred and eight were killed, three hundred and fifteen wounded in yesterday's bombardment of English coast towns by the Germans. At Hartlepool fifty-five were killed and one hundred and fifteen wounded; at Scarborough fifty-one were killed and two hundred wounded; at Whitby two killed and two wounded. The government gives only vague intimation of a naval battle. Every arm of the government is cooperating to prevent another attack. Cruisers patrol the sea, airships, with powerful search lights circle over the coast and a sharp lookout is kept from the land. England is aroused as never before in centuries. Enlistments are pouring in.

Tennessee at Alexandria.
Alexandria, Dec. 17.—The United States cruiser Tennessee arrived today from Chios.

Servians Capture Vishegrad.
Nish, Dec. 17, (Official)—The Servians who are pursuing the Austrians across the Drina river have been joined by the Montenegrins and have captured Vishegrad.

Turks Arrest Greek Officer.
Athens, Dec. 17.—The Greek naval officer attached to the legation in Constantinople has been arrested condemned to death as a spy. The Greek minister has demanded his release. The Greek government is making further protests against the persecution of Greeks at Alvali.

Warships Bombard Coast.
Dover, Dec. 17.—British warships continued to bombard the German-Belgian coast today, silencing several batteries.

Mines Sink British Ships.
Scarborough, Dec. 17.—The British steamer Princess Olga, was sunk by a mine six miles out today. The steamer Ellerwater was sunk by a mine off Flamborough at midnight. The crew of the latter reported that another unidentified steamer was sunk in the vicinity.

Russians Forced to Retreat.
Berlin, Dec. 17.—With Cracow as a base the Austro-Germans are directing two sharp attacks against the Russians. The Russians have been forced to retreat everywhere in Poland. French attacks in Flanders have been repulsed.

Hand to Hand Fighting.
Paris, Dec. 17.—Desperate hand to hand fighting is in progress in Flanders. The French are attacking the Germans with bayonet and are pushing the offensive vigorously. They

have captured several trenches toward the River I. The French have also advanced at points in the region of Verm. There has been heavy artillery on at Tracy-Leval, on the Aisne the champagne district, in the lines and in the region of Ve.

Austrians Take Aggressive.
Vienna, Dec. 17.—Austrians in Galicia today drove the Russians back on the Larnox-Cracow railroad to Bochnia, recapturing Bochnia. They captured a number of Russian prisoners and machine guns in a great sortie from Przemsyl.

Closing in on Cracow.
Petrograd, Dec. 17.—The Russian offensive against Cracow is maintained despite violent counter attacks. The Russian iron circle is being drawn closer around Cracow. The main Austrian forces have retired into the forts. The fighting is close range. Terrific losses.

LYNCHING IN HAMPTON.

Negro Was Charged With Criminal Assault.

Hampton, Dec. 16.—A body of armed men broke into jail here early this morning, took from the jailer, J. P. Bowers, his keys and removed from a cell a negro, Allen Seymour, who was being held on a charge of criminal assault upon the person of a young white woman, and lynched him. The jailer states that his room was opened and he was aroused about 1 o'clock this morning. His bunch of keys was on a dresser close by and in a very few minutes the mob, which seemed to consist of some 40 or 50 men, had the negro and had gone, some staying in the room with the jailer while others opened up the cell upstairs and procured the prisoner.

The entire affair was kept so quiet that few people in Hampton knew anything about it until late in the day today. Sheriff Williams was notified some time shortly after the negro had been taken and he and his deputy, Herman Lightsey, set out to see if they could prevent the lynching, find the body if the negro had been lynched, or apprehend the lynchers. Not until about 1 o'clock today was the body discovered. No one could be found who knew anything about the lynching and now it is impossible to get any definite, positive information as to the final affair. The body was found lying near the road between Hampton and Prince Williams Baptist church, about two miles from Hampton. The prisoner's hands had been tied behind his back and his body bore the marks of several bullet wounds.

It now appears that this negro attempted an assault upon a young white woman who lived near Prince Williams church late Thursday afternoon, December 10. He was working for a band of gypsies who were camping in that community.

POSTOFFICE BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE.

Appropriations Aggregating \$321,700,514 in Measure Reported by Committee.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Appropriations aggregating \$321,700,514 for conduct of the postal service are carried by the postoffice bill reported today to the house.

No provision for extension of the service in Alaska and Puerto Rico telegraph and telephone lines as recommended by Postmaster General Burleson was included, and other department proposals were rejected.

The department, however, was authorized to experiment on contracts for rural free delivery routes.

Readjustment of salaries for rural carriers is proposed. An appropriation of \$50,000 for experiments in airtail mail delivery was refused.